



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S POSITION ON POTENTIAL FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS
IS HARMFUL TO MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Scott Walker opposed to federal assistance to put Milwaukee County residents back to work

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway issued the following statement in response to the County Executive's refusal to seek possible federal economic stimulus funds.

"The County Executive is out of touch with the wishes of Milwaukee County residents. We're in a recession. The City of Milwaukee's poverty and unemployment rates are among the highest in the nation. It's naïve for the County Executive to take such a narrow position on this matter. As he positions himself to run for Governor, Scott Walker is refusing to seek assistance from the federal government to help address Milwaukee County's rising unemployment and aging infrastructure. It's clear that he wants to leave Milwaukee County residents behind.

"I support any stimulus package that puts Milwaukee County residents back to work and improves our infrastructure at the same time. Federal assistance could help Milwaukee County catch up on numerous capital projects, particularly in the areas of mass transit, parks and the replacement of our mental health and Huber facilities. I appreciate Governor Jim Doyle's efforts to seek help from Washington to put the State of Wisconsin--and Milwaukee County--back on track.

"The federal stimulus plan to be developed in Washington is similar to the permanent public access projects that were completed more than 70 years ago, when hundreds of Civilian Conservation Corps workers constructed major improvements all across Milwaukee County, including Whitnall, Estabrook, Sheridan and Kletzsch parks, and along the Honey Creek Parkway. As John Gurda wrote in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel last month, these projects 'did more than offer an outlet for unemployed energy.' They 'left us with infrastructure still in use' today. Now, in 2009, we again have an opportunity to improve our infrastructure for the enrichment of many future generations. And we can do this without raising the property tax levy."

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